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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on January 21, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.